



STATE APPEAL BOARD MEETING

Meeting. The State Appeal Board met on September 6, 2016, at the State Capitol Building in Des Moines. The Board took the following action:

- Approved payment of approximately \$5,500 in general claims filed under Iowa Code chapter [25](#). The Board denied payment of two general claims for a total of approximately \$2,200.
- Approved payment of four tort claims filed under Iowa Code chapter [669](#) for a total of approximately \$1,000. The Board denied payment of tort claims totaling approximately \$11.0 million.

Judgments. The Board approved a judgment granting the Iowa Environmental Council's fees and other expenses of approximately \$52,000 stemming from an action it successfully brought against the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The underlying case involved a challenge to the DNR's anti-degradation implementation procedure set out in [567 Iowa Administrative Code 61.2\(2\)\(e\)](#).

Settlements. The Board approved the settlement of three lawsuits for a total of \$550,000.

- Claim of negligence against the State of Iowa stemming from the suicide of Jeffrey Wittler while he was an offender at the Iowa State Penitentiary. The State Appeal Board approved the \$5,000 settlement.
- Medical negligence claim against the University of Iowa Hospitals for a "traumatic delivery" that resulted in injuries to the infant. The State Appeal Board approved the \$425,000 settlement. University of Iowa Physicians will contribute 50.0% of this sum to the settlement.
- Case involving allegations of race discrimination and retaliation related to failure to hire claims with the Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) and Department Administrative Services (DAS). The State Appeal Board approved the \$125,000 settlement.

Next Meeting. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for October 3, 2016, at the State Capitol Building in Des Moines.

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